

c.) Amendments to the Claims.

Please cancel claims 1-4, amend claims 5 and 6, and add new claims 7-9, as follows, all without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof.

Claims 1-4. (canceled).

Claim 5. (currently amended) A peptide ~~fragment as claimed in claim 1~~ comprising SEQ ID NO: 1, in which the variables X1 to X6 in the sequence have the following meanings:

X¹ = Asn;

X² = Gln, Glu or Arg;

X³ = Gly, Thr or Tyr;

X⁴ = Asn or Arg;

X⁵ = Gly or Lys;

X⁶ = Cys.

Claim 6. (currently amended) A peptide ~~fragment having the sequence~~

~~His Gln His Glu Gly Arg Cys Lys Glu Cys (SEQ ID NO: 2)~~

~~His Asn His Arg Tyr Gly Cys Gly Cys Cys (SEQ ID NO: 3)~~

~~His Arg His Gly Thr Asn Cys Leu Lys Cys (SEQ ID NO: 4)~~

~~His Ile His Gln Ser Asn Cys Gln Val Cys (SEQ ID NO: 5)~~

comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 7. (new) A peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

Claim 8. (new) A peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

Claim 9. (new) A peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.